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Arrest in single mom's death

Victim and accused attacker were 'strangers', Winnipeg police said **Suspect facing 25 years in prison if convicted**

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▶ Candles and flowers still line the steps of Gina Swanson's Edderton Avenue home yesterday, four months after she was found dead inside.

A young Manitoba man has been locked up and is facing the most serious criminal charge on the books after the death of a young single mother at her quiet suburban home.

Schuyler Francis van Wissen, 26, will make a first formal court appearance this morning to face first-degree murder and assault with a weapon charges.

Gina Swanson was attacked in her Edderton Avenue home in the early morning of May 14, according to police.

She was found dead shortly before noon that same day by a relative who came to check on her. She left behind a young daughter.

"We're dealing with a very brutal incident here," said WPS spokesman Const. Jason Michalyshen. "It's very unsettling, no question."

Swanson and the suspect had no prior relationship, said police. Michalyshen said he didn't want to speculate, but said, "it's possible" she was randomly targeted.

Michalyshen said other details of the crime — including anything regarding motive — were not immediately available. More details may come out today, he said.

Van Wissen was arrested in Toronto on Friday after homicide investigators flew there to fetch him. The unit's supervisor was among the officers who made the trip.

Police couldn't say when the warrant for van Wissen's arrest was drawn up.

The first-degree murder charge raises questions about how police believe Swanson was killed.

Aside from being warranted when there's an indication a killing was planned or contracted, a first-degree murder charge can also be laid if a victim was killed in the course of being kidnapped, confined or sexually assaulted.

Michalyshen couldn't comment on why the specific charge was laid.

Swanson's neighbours said they're relieved there's been an arrest.

"It was a bad situation," said Mike McLenehan. "I'd like to believe it wasn't a random incident, so that you can go back to feeling like you live in a safe neighbourhood," he said.

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Man dies after pickup truck flips

A man is dead following an accident near the McPhillips Street underpass Saturday.

Police said the man was one of four males in a Ford pickup truck that overturned on McPhillips near Jarvis Street at about 3 a.m. Three men inside were taken to hospital, two in unstable condition and a 20-year-old in critical condition. He later died.

A fourth man fled the scene. He was picked up later by police.

Police said speed and alcohol were likely contributing factors in the crash, which involved no other vehicles.

ELISHA DACEY

Two teens charged in home robbery

Winnipeg police say they tracked down two suspects in a robbery on Saturday night.

Police headed to a home in the 300 block of Ross Street Saturday around 2:10 a.m. and discovered two males had broken into a suite and stolen a purse, cellphones, a knife and several cans of beer.

Witnesses in the area spotted the two and called police. A 13-year-old male and an 18-year-old male were arrested and charged.

ELISHA DACEY

Copper. Collector

▶ Winnipegger Ken McNiell, who donated his 20-year collection of pennies after hearing about Scotiabank and Avon's Every Penny Counts campaign, is pictured with Brenda Satamm of Avon, left, Sandi Edie and Sandra Agness of Scotiabank.

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An unexpected gift

The money will go to Willow Breast Cancer Support Canada. The collection amounted to approximately $2,250 and weighed about 150 pounds.

Husband charged in connection with suicide

▶ Man allegedly left wife alone at home after she threatened to harm herself ▶ Police say there was a delay in calling 911 after death

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A Winnipeg man faces criminal negligence and other charges in connection to his common-law wife's apparent suicide by drug overdose.

The 44-year-old man was taken into custody Thursday night and made his first formal court appearance Friday. He's charged with criminal negligence causing death and failing to provide the necessities of life to his spouse, 55.

Police did not formally announce the arrest, likely due to a policy of not disclosing details regarding domestic-violence-related matters.

However, a police spokesman confirmed the allegations, calling the case a "very rare and highly sensitive matter."

According to police, the man and his wife were drinking at a St. Boniface home on Oct. 30 when she made threats to harm herself. As a result, the man is accused of leaving the home knowing she was in the process of doing so.

Const. Jason Michalyshen said the man then allegedly met with a friend in the area and told him what was happening.

The man returned home the next day to find the woman dead, police said.

Michalyshen said investigators learned there was a delay in the time he called 911 to report what happened. He declined to say how long.

"In a situation like that any length of time is a long time," he said.

The man was initially arrested in December, interviewed and released. Police sent off their findings to the Crown for an opinion and, as a result, charges were recommended in mid-July, said Michalyshen.

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Gettin' a scoop on hoops

The National Basketball Association's Jam Session Canada is touring through six cities to promote the sport. The tour hits Vancouver next weekend.

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ELISHA DACEY
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Starting this job in April, I was surprised — and annoyed — at how many people said to me that Metro's colours were the same as a certain rival football team's.

"You know, Susan pointed out to me that green and white are Roughrider colours," said my friend Nigel.

Yes, Nigel and Susan, I am aware.

I've been a Winnipeg Blue Bombers fan since before they last won the Grey Cup. That's a loooong time.

When my friends Melissa and Mike pointed out the same thing to me, ("It's, like, their exact green, even!") I unpursed my lips, unclenched my jaw and got on the phone.

I told my boss I wanted to change Metro's colours to blue and gold for the editions before the Banjo Bowl and the Labour Day Classic.

The national deputy editor was all for it. Metro International? Not so much.

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If we reach 1,000 "Likes" by Aug. 31, we'll change our logo to blue and gold for the two weekend editions before the games against the Riders.

It just takes a minute — but it'll mean no Roughrider colours for those two weekends. If we can build a giant beer-cup snake, we can do this too.

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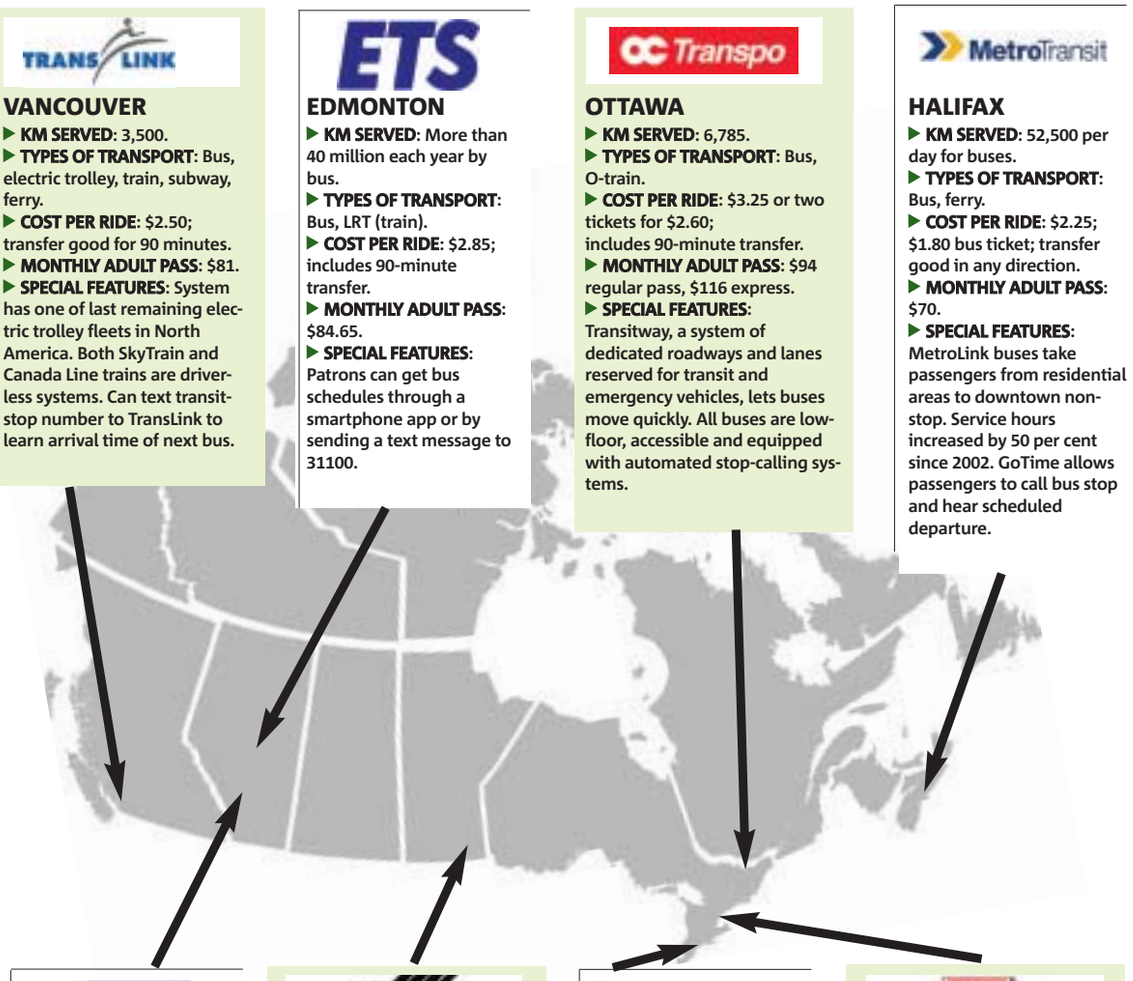

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- **TYPES OF TRANSPORT:** Bus, O-train.
- **COST PER RIDE:** $3.25 or two tickets for $2.60; includes 90-minute transfer.
- **MONTHLY ADULT PASS:** $94 regular pass, $116 express.
- **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Transitway, a system of dedicated roadways and lanes reserved for transit and emergency vehicles, lets buses move quickly. All buses are low-floor, accessible and equipped with automated stop-calling systems.

HALIFAX

- **KM SERVED:** 52,500 per day for buses.
- **TYPES OF TRANSPORT:** Bus, ferry.
- **COST PER RIDE:** $2.25; $1.80 bus ticket; transfer good in any direction.
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- **TYPES OF TRANSPORT:** Bus, C-Train.
- **COST PER RIDE:** $2.75.
- **MONTHLY ADULT PASS:** $90.
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- **COST PER RIDE:** $2.40 cash or $2.10 bus ticket.
- **MONTHLY ADULT PASS:** $75.35.
- **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Free downtown spirit bus, free transit rides before and after Blue Bomber games, school charters.

LONDON

- **KM SERVED:** 11.6 million projected for all of 2011.
- **TYPE OF TRANSPORT:** Bus.
- **COST PER RIDE:** $2.75 cash or $1.90 with ticket; includes 90-minute transfer.
- **MONTHLY ADULT PASS:** $81.
- **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Tuition passes for students, park-and-ride pass for $50. London Transit buses are available on a charter basis for conferences and events.

TORONTO

- **KM SERVED:** 215,631.
- **TYPES OF TRANSPORT:** Bus, streetcar, subway, train.
- **COST PER RIDE:** $3 per ride; transfer good in one direction only.
- **MONTHLY ADULT PASS:** $121.
- **SPECIAL FEATURES:** Hybrid buses make up close to 40 per cent of fleet. Bus drivers will drop female passengers off anywhere along route from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. More than 97 per cent of bus fleet has bike racks. Can text stop number to learn arrival of next bus.

Looking ahead to rapid transit

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Winnipeg Transit's future is finally looking brighter.

The grand opening of the Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor is slated for next year, but a little more patience will save commuters a lot more time. Riders travelling from downtown to the University of Manitoba will slice 10 minutes off a 45-minute trip, said Bill Menzies, Winnipeg Transit's manager of service department.

"It will also be much more reliable because the bus is out of traffic. Right now on the street, routes going out to that part of town get tied up in traffic," he said.

"Speed and reliability will be a huge improvement for passengers."

Transit officials said rapid-transit routes will all be serviced by modern, air-conditioned buses, equipped with GPS technology and security cameras.

Menzies said fares for regular and rapid transit will be the same price.

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Coming up next

Grab a copy of Metro tomorrow, when we look at transit riders' praises and pet peeves.

Tories warn asbestos widow not to use logo

- Canada faces rising criticism over its asbestos exports
- Tories insist material is safe when handled properly

The federal Conservative party has sent a threatening email to the widow of an asbestos victim in the latest chapter of Canada's debate over the hazardous mineral.

A top Tory official is warning the woman to stop using the party logo in an online ad campaign against the controversial industry — a campaign she started after her husband died of an asbestos-related cancer.

Michaela Keyserlingk, whose husband Robert died in 2009 of mesothelioma, has been running an online banner since the spring that reads, "Canada is the only western country that still exports deadly asbestos!"

Conservative party executive director Dan Hilton warned Keyserlingk to stop using the Tory symbol immediately.

"Failure to do so may result in further action," Hilton wrote in a July 29 email that carried the subject title, Unauthorized use of trademark. The email, which The Canadian Press obtained from Keyserlingk, went on to advise her: "Please govern yourself accordingly."

The exchange comes as Canada faces intensifying international criticism over its asbestos exports and the Quebec government mulls whether to help revive one of the country's last-remaining mines — a decision that could come as early as today.

Canada, which barely uses the hazardous material domestically, exports the bulk of its asbestos to poor countries.

Industry proponents insist the material is safe if properly handled — but its critics stress that the product is used mainly in developing countries where safety standards are haphazard.

A growing chorus of health experts, and people like Keyserlingk, want to see the industry shuttered for good.

The Conservatives, meanwhile, have steadfastly defended asbestos exports, insisting the substance can be safely used.

Keyserlingk's blurb, which she says appears randomly on Canadian web pages, is flanked with a "DANGER" warning label and an image of the Tories' official symbol: a blue letter C with a Maple Leaf. It also directs readers to her website.

"I just want to have the asbestos trade stopped because it's such a horrible death," said Keyserlingk, who doesn't belong to any organization and pays more than $300 per month for the ad out of her pocket. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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"I have no permission to use (the logo) and (the Conservatives) have a legitimate argument against me.... But on a human level they have no legitimacy whatsoever."
MICHAELA KEYSERLINGK

Celebration. Of love

▶ A performer dances with a spectator during the annual gay pride parade in Montreal yesterday.

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Taking Pride in Montreal's streets

Body of skydiver found in N.B. field

RCMP are investigating the death of a man who went skydiving Saturday afternoon in New Brunswick.

Police said the 34-year-old's body was found in a field off Highway 115 in Notre-Dame, about 30 kilometres north of Moncton.

"The skydiver fell to his death," Sgt. Jamie Melanson said yesterday in an interview.

"We received a call that there was a body and, for all intents and purposes, it was a skydiving accident."

Police said the man was from Notre-Dame, but did not release his name pending notification of his family.

They said he was skydiving with a group of people at the time.

Melanson said it was too early to say whether a problem with the man's parachute led to his death.

"The RCMP will investigate to eliminate any criminal implications, and at this point in time in our investigation we have no reason to believe that there was anything criminal," he said.

An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

Greg MacBeth, a longtime skydiver and instructor with Skydive Moncton, said the man was skydiving with the company at the time.

MacBeth, who did not witness the incident, said he inspected the man's parachute after the accident and doesn't believe anything malfunctioned.

"There was absolutely nothing wrong with his equipment," said MacBeth, adding that the victim was an experienced skydiver.

MacBeth said the company shut down operations Saturday and reopened yesterday.

He said revenue collected yesterday would go to the man's family. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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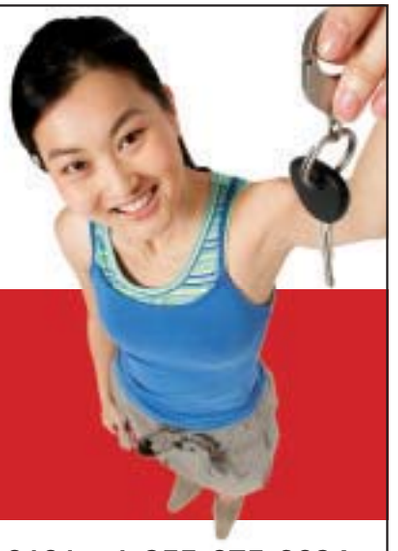

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Britain's gangs look to U.S. for inspiration

Street gangs copy actions, style of American rappers, on-screen gangsters

The Burger Bar Boys. The Cash or Slash Money Crew. The Bang Bang Gang. These names might sound straight out of a dime-store novel, but they're real-life Birmingham gangs — underground armies that spearheaded England's worst riots in a generation.

As Britain comes to grips with last week's riots, Prime Minister David Cameron has identified the growth of violent gangs as a key factor and is recruiting high-profile American anti-gang experts to help bring them to heel.

While senior British police officers openly resent that move, analysts of gang culture say it seems logical to seek American assistance, because today's British gangs consciously ape American gang ambitions and style, from the bling to the lingo.

They talk in a street patois shaped by U.S. rap lyrics, use noms de guerre lifted straight from American gangster films and crime dramas, and choose such icons as Don Corleone, Al Pacino's Scarface or Baltimore ganglord Stringer Bell of The Wire TV series as their avatars on social-networking sites.

British law enforcement authorities admit that, until only a few years ago, they sought to minimize the scale and potential of their homegrown gangs. They promoted their preferred label of "delinquent youth groups" and billed full-blooded street gangs as an American phenomenon.

In the wake of the August riots — when gangs used text-messaging and social media to deploy break-in artists to breach steel-shuttered shops — politicians now use the G word pointedly.

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▶ In this Aug. 9 photo, youths run from an electronics store in Birmingham, England, as disturbances saw looting and vehicles set alight.

"These teenage gangsters are creating their own criminal worlds, and in their minds it's very much an Americanized world. When they talk about the police, it's 'the Feds,' or 'The 5-0,' as in Hawaii 5-0."

CARL FELLSTROM, AN EXPERT ON ENGLAND'S GANGS

"Territorial, hierarchical and incredibly violent, the gangs are mostly composed of young boys, mainly from dysfunctional homes," Cameron told the House of Commons in an emergency debate on the riots. "They earn money through crime, particularly drugs, and are bound together by an imposed loyalty to an authoritarian gang leader. They have blighted life on their estates, with gang-on-gang murders and unprovoked attacks on police."

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Hundreds march for equality, gay rights in Nepal

Gay, lesbian and transgender people marched with supporters in a southern Nepal town yesterday to demand equal rights under a new constitution the country is in the process of writing.

The estimated 500 demonstrators danced, chanted slogans and marched around Narayanghat, a town about 160 kilometre south of the capital of Kathmandu yesterday, which is also Nepal's traditional festival of Gaijatra honouring the dead. Gay-rights activists and parliament member Sunil Pant said their main aim was to spread their campaign outside the capital city.

The gay community has been holding demonstrations on the festival day in the capital, but it was the first time that activists have organized a rally outside the capital.

The country is also in the process of writing a new constitution, which could include provisions to guarantee rights for the sexual minorities.

Pant said the major political parties have agreed to include the rights of the sexual minorities in the new constitution.

However, the new constitution has been delayed several times following differences among the country's political parties on various other issues.

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▶ Gay-rights advocates ride on elephants as part of a city-wide protest in Nepal.

Out and proud

- Parliament member Sunil Pant said more people are declaring their sexual orientation in urban areas, but people in rural villages are still afraid.
- According to sexual-rights advocates, transvestites were discriminated against and beaten by both the public and police.

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Stage. Collapse

▶ In this video frame grab, a stage collapses Saturday at the Indiana State Fair, killing five and injuring dozens of fans waiting for the band Sugarland to perform.

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Despite accident, show will go on

Indiana officials, including Gov. Mitch Daniels, said a "fluke" gust of wind was responsible for a fatal stage collapse at the Indiana State Fair on Saturday night. All activities were cancelled yesterday, but the fair, which runs through Aug. 21, was expected to resume today with a service honouring the victims.

Myanmar's Suu Kyi tests new freedom

- **First political trip to countryside inspires cheers**
- **Democracy icon donates rice, money to flood victims**

Thousands of well-wishers lined roadsides in Myanmar to welcome opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi as she tested the limits of her freedom yesterday by taking her first political trip into the countryside since being released from house arrest.

The military-dominated country's government had warned that the democracy icon's journey could trigger riots, but it took place peacefully in two towns north of the main city of Yangon, and Suu Kyi returned home without incident.

The last time Suu Kyi travelled out of Yangon to meet supporters, assailants ambushed her entourage. She escaped harm but was detained and placed under seven years of house arrest, from which she was only released last November.

▶ Aung San Suu Kyi

Yesterday, Suu Kyi met hundreds of supporters in Bago, about 80 kilometres north of Yangon, and the nearby town of Thanatpin, where she gave a 10-minute speech calling for unity and support for her political party.

Addressing a crowd later in Bago, Suu Kyi implied that true democratic change will take time.

"I know what the people want and I am trying my best to fulfil the wishes of the people," she said. "However, I don't want to give false hope."

After half a century of army rule, the country formerly known as Burma organized elections late last year and officially handed power to a civilian administration in March. But Suu Kyi's party boycotted the vote and decried it as a sham.

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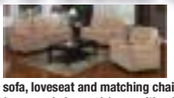

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Ownership claim is 'fraud': Facebook

Lawyers cite 'painstaking forensic analysis' they say proves claimant's contract with founder is fake

Attorneys for Facebook and its founder, Mark Zuckerberg, say they have found "smoking gun" evidence on a New York man's computer proving he made up his claim that a contract he signed with Zuckerberg in 2003 gives him part ownership of the social network.

Facebook attorney Orin Snyder said Paul Ceglia has not complied with a judge's order to hand over certain electronic documents and that he has mislabelled others as confidential.

"He does not want the public to know what was discovered on his computers because it includes smoking-gun documents that conclusively establish that he fabricated the purported contract and that this entire lawsuit is a fraud and a lie," Snyder wrote.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. FRIDAY

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Ceglia, of Wellsville, N.Y., says he and Zuckerberg met and signed a two-page agreement in Boston on April 28, 2003. Zuckerberg, then a Harvard student, had applied for work on a street-mapping database called StreetFax that Ceglia was creating.

According to the lawsuit, Ceglia paid Zuckerberg $1,000 to work on the project and gave him another $1,000 after Zuckerberg told him about his idea for a kind of online yearbook. Ceglia was to get half of the business. Ceglia attached a series of emails in which he said he and Zuckerberg discussed the deal.

Facebook lawyers have accused Ceglia of altering the street-mapping agreement to insert references to Facebook and fabricating the emails.

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▶ Tang Jun, Dalian city's senior official, second from left on the police van, addresses the crowd protesting the Fuija chemical plant yesterday after Tropical Storm Muifa raised fears of a toxic spill. Dalian is in Liaoning province in northeast China.

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Beijing bows to protesters

Authorities in the Chinese port city of Dalian ordered the petrochemical plant shut down after more than 12,000 people demonstrated over pollution concerns, state media said. Despite the apparent success of the protest, censors quickly began deleting references to it on social networking sites, a usual practice to prevent demonstrations from spreading.

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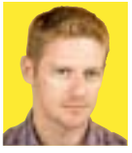

As of this morning, we're just 50 days away from Manitoba's next provincial election.

The attack ads and polls have been running for months. Most of the candidates have been nominated and have been making the appearance circuit of fairs and festivals.

There's just one little thing missing, and that's having any sense what the two major political parties might actually do if we elect them as government on October 4.

Seriously, stop a candidate — especially one of the rookies who aren't experienced in political non-speak — the next time you see one feigning interest in produce at a farmer's market and try to pin them down on a specific issue.

"But instead of talking serious issues, both parties are coasting through the summer, trying to win over voters by showing up in dunk tanks and small-town parades."

What are they going to do to get knives and biker gangs off the streets? How do they feel about giving the City of Winnipeg more independence? How about increasing revenue sharing with municipalities?

Odds are they won't have a real response, because even they don't know what their parties stand for yet, just seven weeks before election day.

Now, sure, the NDP will point to its record and generally promise more of the same. But how you look at that record can yield different expectations. Is that more of building new infrastructure, expanding colleges and universities and maintaining one of the most stable economies in the country? Or more of building deficits, expanding bureaucracies and maintaining one of the highest crime rates in the country?

The Progressive Conservatives claim they'll do things differently. Problem is that they don't explain what they'd do differently, or how they'd do it differently. They just think we should pick them because, you know, they're different. Hardly a compelling case to change your socks, much less change your government.

What makes the information vacuum particularly strange is that this election date was set three years ago. That's three years to establish a vision and a narrative around how Manitoba should move into the future. Yet they've both chosen to follow the same old pattern of keeping the wraps on their platforms until the campaign officially begins.

The lack of creativity and foresight demonstrated by campaign organizers on both sides in this new era of fixed election dates is a lost opportunity. The Tories should have used this time to frame themselves as a legitimate alternative. And for the NDP, this was a chance to recast their image heading into Greg Selinger's first election as premier.

But instead of talking serious issues, both parties are coasting through the summer, trying to win over voters by showing up in dunk tanks and small-town parades.

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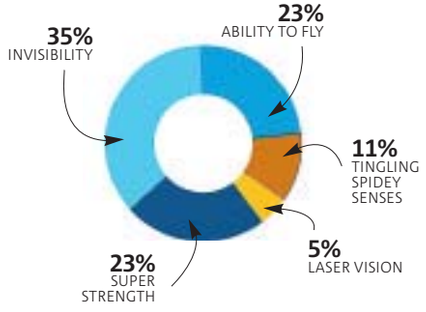

Local tweets

- **@Atara:** Falling off bridge. Will update at the bottom. So far so good! #makingfunofmyparents
- **@NathanSzymesko:** Woke up to a destroyed cabin... This was an awesome weekend! :D
- **@mr_mulligan:** The girl at Second Cup just asked about my cologne...that's good right? She wouldn't have asked if I stunk. :P
- **@DannyDegagne:** LOL debate between 10 people whether porn is amazing or not. Take one lucky guess which side I'm on, I dare you.
- **@brookepalsson:** :(found a dead bloated frog in the pool filter. Never a fun thing.
- **@MsBehavior:** Ok Winnipeg. I need Grandma friendly restaurant choices. What you need to know: She considers Perkins really good food. Help!
- **@heirolee:** I miss winnipeg.. It had a better atmosphere than here.. everyone seemed nicer.. and the neighborhoods were nice too.
- **@JAYTOSE94:** Being in a different citys makes me realize how sexy winnipeg girls are...

Worth Mentioning

SMALL TOWN. Small Canadian towns are painfully aware of the existential predicament they face. Few are strangers to the sobering realities of declining and aging populations, young people fleeing to cities, difficulty maintaining infrastructure, and sky-high unemployment.

But residents of some small towns are working to reverse the trend, drawing both on creative ideas and on the good old-fashioned community spirit that tiny towns are known for.

Residents of the small Quebec village of Notre-Dame-de-Ham have begun a citizens' co-operative to start a combined convenience store/gas station/restaurant. So far, they have 97 members who have contributed $35,000. That means nearly one-quarter of the town's 440 overall residents participated.

Bill Reimer, a Concordia University professor, said one small town, Warner, Alta. — population, 383 — managed, with one crumbling arena and a good local coach, to start an all-girls hockey school that has become nationally renowned. "It's all about finding your niche," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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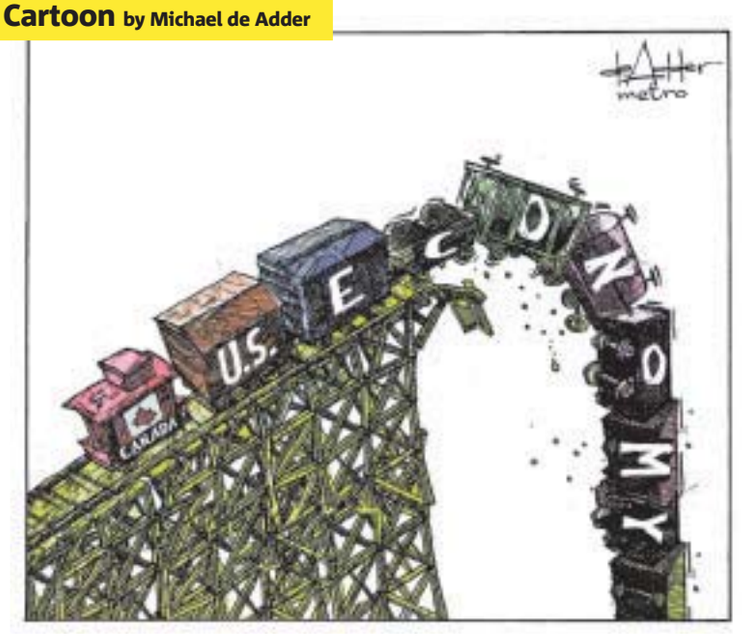
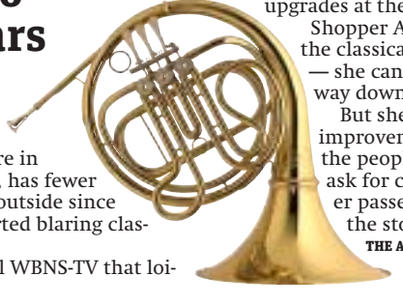


WEIRD NEWS

Fewer people loitering is music to their ears



Shoppers and employees say a convenience store in Columbus, Ohio, has fewer people hanging outside since the business started blaring classical music.

Customers tell WBNS-TV that loitering has declined quickly outside the United Dairy Farmers location in the Columbus Short North neighbourhood.

Workers, who have also noticed a change, say the new music went on earlier this week as part of upgrades at the store.

Shopper Allie Beck says the classical music is loud — she can hear it all the way down the street.

But she says it's an improvement over all the people who used to ask for change or bother passersby outside the store.

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A remake with its own beat

Disney's remake of the classic thriller, Fright Night, pays homage to the original while adding own twist to the story Farrell tries to bring his own quirks to vampire character

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Tom Holland's original, sublimely campy 1985 vampire thriller Fright Night is one of the most beloved horror films of its decade and the concept of a remake was met with sneers from its most ardent admirers.

How could anyone possibly duplicate the smooth, suave, seductive charm of actor Chris Sarandon as murderous suburban vampire Jerry Dandridge? According to Colin Farrell, who inherited the role in Disney's splashy new 3D remount, you can't.

"Chris was just charismatic, elegant, beautiful and dignified," Farell told Metro last weekend in Toronto.

"My guy has more of an emotional disconnect. In essence there was a lot in the first film that I wish I could have played, but this is a different guy, he's more predatory. If you were around my Jerry, it would be perfectly normal but there's just something…not right."

Farrell's sexy bloodsucking beast is the lethal neighbour of average Nevada teen Charlie Brewster (Anton Yelchin), who slowly starts to believe his nerdy pal Ed (Christopher Mintz-Plasse) and his wild tales of the undead roaming their bedroom community.

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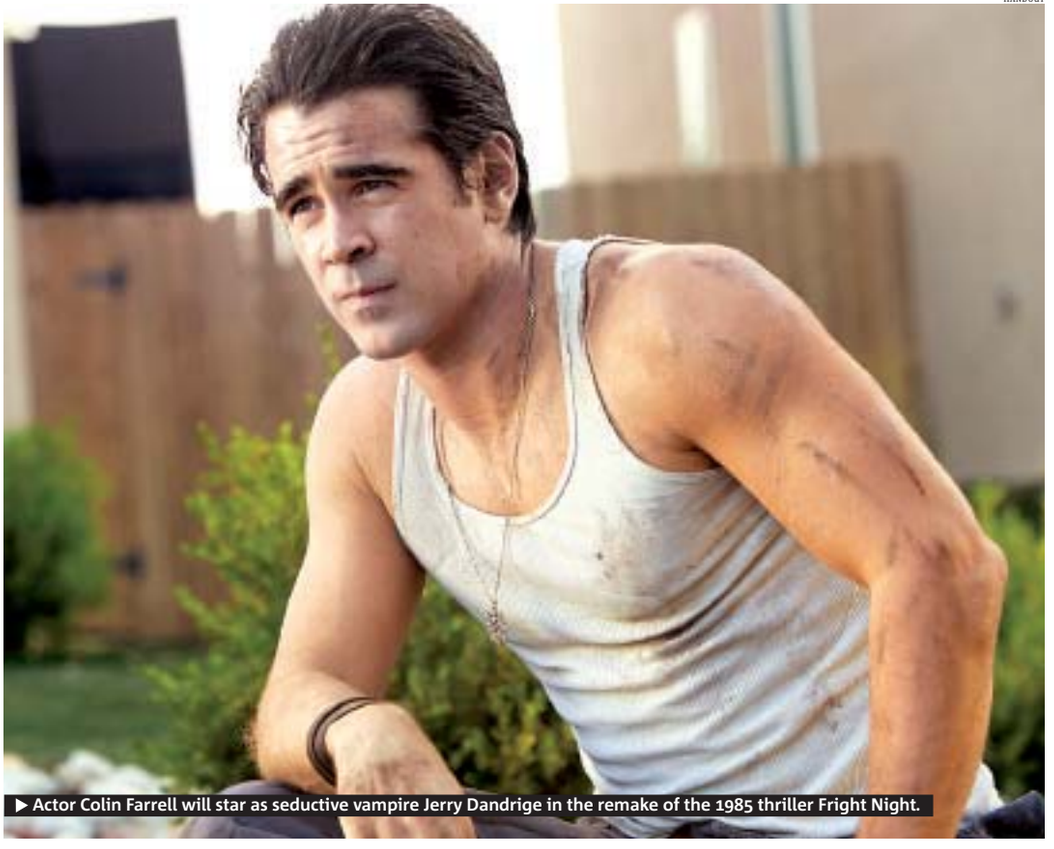

▶ Actor Colin Farrell will star as seductive vampire Jerry Dandrige in the remake of the 1985 thriller Fright Night.

"… there was a lot in the first film that I wish I could have played, but this is a different guy, he's more predatory."
COLIN FARRELL

After a few close fang shaves, Brewster seeks famous Vegas magician/supernatural authority Peter Vincent (David Tennant) to help him put the stake to Dandridge once and for all.

The film uses the original picture's template as a springboard to forge a gory, funny romp with its own beat, though it often takes the time to wink at fans of the first film, including referencing vampire Dandridge's fondness for fruit.

"I had to get that in," says Farrell of echoing the original's sequences of Dandridge eating apples between killings. "It was just one of those things, a nod to the original. I rolled the apple off table and kind of threw it to myself. As Chris Sarandon said to me, (Dandridge) is a fruit bat. But my version also drinks beer…" Fright Night 3D opens on Friday.

Box office

Rebellious apes have held off Southern maids for a narrow win at the weekend box office. Studio estimates Sunday pegged Rise of the Planet of the Apes at $27.5 million. The Help, debuted at No. 2 with $25.5 million.
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Alec Baldwin to open new season on NBC's 'Saturday Night Live'

Rogers' FX move may scare big Canadian broadcasters

Broadcaster outmanoeuvres big players in a deal to bring a number of American 'buzz' series to Canada

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▶ Jessica Lange stars in American Horror Story.

This Halloween, Canadians will be in for the scare of the season when American Horror Story premieres as part of the launch of FX Canada.

The intense new drama, which stars Jessica Lange, Connie Britton and Dylan McDermott, rattled reporters when it was screened at the recent Television Critics Association summer press tour in Los Angeles. That it is part of an aggressive new programming strategy from Rogers should also throw a North American Horror Story scare into rival broadcasters in Canada this fall. Rogers' announcement last Saturday in Los Angeles that they have partnered with Fox on importing FX finally brings one of the most prized U.S. cable programming brands north of the border.

"We're real excited about it," says Scott Moore, Rogers broadcasting president, who says advertisers are keen to buy into FX fare like Sons of Anarchy.

The move comes as Rogers, which also owns City, Sportsnet, the OMNI stations and several digital TV channels, continues to crash the cosy CTV/Global big boys broadcast club. In May, Rogers reportedly outmanoeuvred traditional Fox buyer Global (owned by Shaw), scooping several "buzz" shows for fall, including Steven Spielberg's dino drama Terra Nova, The Playboy Club and the comedy New Girl starring critics' darling Zooey Deschanel.

When it was suggested at those acquisition meetings that Rogers might want to take a look at the FX comedy Wilfred (starring Elijah Wood), talks began to swing more toward buying a share of the entire FX brand. Those negotiations, spearheaded by Rogers' executive vice president Malcolm Dunlop, continued until just before an agreement was announced last Saturday at the TCA press tour. The deal brings most of the current FX show line-up to Canada under one roof for the first time. Some FX shows, such as the Emmy-nominated modern western Justified aren't part of the deal — yet.

Justified, which is distributed in Canada by Sony, currently airs on the premium Pay-TV service Super Channel. FX executives are negotiating with Sony to eventually swing that series to FX Canada. Other shows, such as popular biker drama Sons of Anarchy, will also have a delayed migration. FX Canada subscribers will catch up with the first and second season of that series before rights to Seasons three and four are transferred.

The most valuable FX asset Rogers now shares may not be the programs but the president and general manager, John Landgraf.

In seven years at the helm, Landgraf has helped craft one of the most admired brands in U.S. television. It's not just the shows that have emerged — Rescue Me, Damages, It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia — it is the way Landgraf does business. Nine out of the last 10 pilots FX has ordered have gone to air, an extraordinarily efficient ratio. (Broadcasters, such as NBC or ABC, typically shoot as many as 20 pilots before settling on a few fall entries.)

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Hagman slips back in J.R. role

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▶ Larry Hagman

Larry Hagman says slipping back into the character of J.R. Ewing for the upcoming Dallas TV reboot was "just like an old shoe."

"It's comfortable and it's nice to be working at 80," the actor said in a telephone interview from Santa Monica, Calif.

Hagman is reprising his role as the evil Texas oil baron alongside Patrick Duffy as his brother Bobby, and Linda Gray — who played his long-suffering wife Sue Ellen on the hit night-time soap, which ran from 1978 to 1991.

"It's part of your personality," he said of settling back into the iconic role. "It's hard to lose that."

The TNT series is scheduled to air next year and focuses on a new generation of Ewings.

Hagman revealed of the new story line that J.R. has fallen on hard times and that Sue Ellen is now running the family company.

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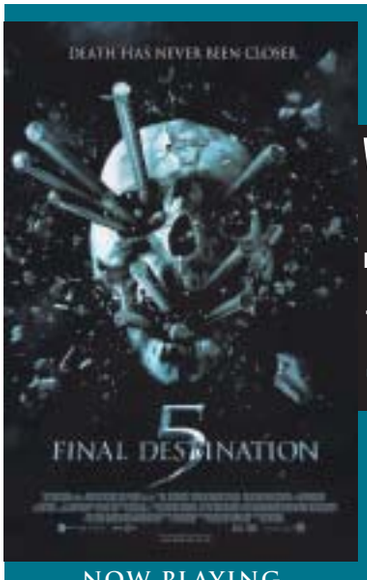

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Lohan meets rehab deadline

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▶ Lindsay Lohan

Tells judge she can't afford a therapist Judge doesn't buy it

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly started therapy for her issues, as ordered by the court — and just in time, as the deadline for the troubled actress to start treatment is later this week, according to E! Online.

During a court appearance last month, Lohan had told the judge she was trying to find the cash to pay for therapy. In response, the judge told Lohan's lawyer that the actress "needs to find an individual therapist that takes a credit card." METRO

Winehouse letters, tracks, lyrics stolen

In another blow to Amy Winehouse's already upset family, unreleased tracks, lyrics and letters by the late singer have reportedly been stolen from her London home, according to Hollyscoop.

"This is such a sickening shock to the family," the source says.

"The family, record label and management are months away from deciding what to do with any unreleased music. For that to be taken out of their hands is horrible."

Winehouse's father, Mitch Winehouse, is reportedly hoping the issue will resolve itself, though.

"Mitch is willing to give whoever has stolen the items a chance to do the right thing and put them back so it doesn't have to get messy," the source says. METRO

▶ Amy Winehouse

Yeah, baby — Powers is back

Mike Myers has signed a deal to star in a fourth Austin Powers movie, according to HitFix. There's no word on whether Jay Roach, who directed the first three films, will be returning as well. Myers' last live-action starring role was in 2008's The Love Guru, which was a critical and commercial failure. He's since kept a fairly low profile, lending his voice to a forth Shrek film and making a cameo in Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds. Myers married girlfriend Kelly Tisdale last year and recently announced that they're expecting their first child later this year. METRO

Quick Dish

▶ Maddox Joli-Pitt

No stardom yet for Maddox

PREMATURE. Rumors about Maddox Jolie-Pitt going into the family business are a bit premature, it turns out. Speculation was sparked last week that the 10-year-old would be making his film debut in Battling Boy, an action movie Brad Pitt's company is producing, but sources tell Just Jared the rumors are simply "not true." METRO

Celebrity tweets

@50cent
"I'm traveling to cannes and writing music today"

@PSchwarzenegger
"Just visited Harvard university. Great college but I'm not adding it to the list. Stanford, USC, Penn, Georgetown are my tops for now."

@justinbieber
"summertime ... saturday... and i got school. sweet"

@Joan_Rivers
"There is NO WAY that Bert and Ernie are gay. They haven't changed their outfits in 25 years."

Second child for Tina Fey

30 Rock star Tina Fey and husband Jeff Richmond welcomed their second daughter last week, her rep confirms to Us Weekly.

Penelope Athena was born August 10, joining her big sister, 5-year-old Alice.

Fey wrote in her memoir, Bossypants, that she felt compelled to give Alice a sibling: "I thought that raising an only child would be the norm in Manhattan, but my daughter is the only child in her class without a sibling. Most kids have at least two," she wrote.

"Who will be my daughter's family when my husband and I are dead from stress-induced cankers? She must have a sibling." METRO

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From real mom to spy mom

With a three-year-old daughter and a baby on the way, Jessica Alba takes on a kid-friendly role in Spy Kids 4 Conversations with the director led to the development of her character

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▶ Jessica Alba, a soon-to-be-mother of two, stars in Spy Kids 4. This is her first children's movie.

Robert Rodriguez is known for bouncing between pulpy grown-up flicks like Sin City and kid-friendly fare like the Spy Kids series, but actress Jessica Alba, who stars in Spy Kids 4, had never seen him take on the latter.

"Robert doesn't change and his process doesn't change," she insists. "But there's a lightheartedness on a set where when there's kids around. You're not blowing things up and there's no half-naked girls and machine guns. There's no cursing. It's kids' stuff and toys."

While this is the third time Alba has teamed with Rodriguez, it's the first time they've done something family-friendly together. "I talked to Robert about wanting to do a movie that my daughter could see," she says. "There's a lot of natural comedy in being a first-time parent and just being in day-to-day situations."

Of course, in Spy Kids 4, a day-to-day situation could mean fighting off evil henchmen and car chases while extremely pregnant, which Alba does early in the film. "Walking up stairs is challenging when you're nine months pregnant," she admits. "I think it was really just a great comedic set-piece. Like, what if a woman's going through contractions while trying to save the world? And, of course, a woman's going to try to do it all."

Alba later found out that it was her conversations with Rodriguez that led to much of her character — a professional spy who puts work on hold for her family. "He said that my character was inspired by just seeing me trying to balance it all — and probably not doing the greatest job at it, but trying at least," she says with a laugh.

One of the ways she and husband Cash Warren try is by making family thtop priority on the weekends. "That's when my husband and I make a concerted effort to not e-mail or text and really spend our time with our daughter and just be completely, 100 per cent focused on her," she says. "During the week, it's here and there depending on if I'm busy with meetings or not. It's a little easier now that she's in school. But it's tough, because I do care about my career. But she's my No. 1 priority, so if she's not doing OK, nothing else really matters."

While baby No. 2 is due any day now, Alba is already thinking about what's on her plate next — and it's not necessarily more family fare. "It's not like I want to only do family or kids' movies from now on," she says. "It's just nice to have a movie that my daughter can actually watch. I do miss doing action, and after I have the baby, I'm looking for a good action movie to do."

"When they're done with college, if they want to get into the arts, that's fine. But I wouldn't encourage them to work in this type of environment."
JESSICA ALBA ON DISCOURAGING HER KIDS FROM GETTING INTO SHOW BIZ

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A recent article in Slate upped the profile of this rubber toy, already a huge seller on Amazon and in its home country of France (where it sold an estimated 816,000 last year). Will your baby care about the hype? "Blursh," said ours between bites on its neck. MWN

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▶ This recipe will serve four people.

Is there a kid out there who doesn't love pizza? This vegetable-rich Swiss cheese rendition will be a sure hit, especially because it's homemade.

Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 230 C (450 F).
2. In a frying pan over high heat, melt butter. Sauté mushrooms and garlic until fragrant (do not brown garlic). Add parsley, salt and pepper.
3. Spread mushrooms on pizza crust. Top with it rapini or broccoli florets and red onion. Sprinkle with cheese and bake on middle rack of oven for 7 to 10 minutes or until cheese is golden.

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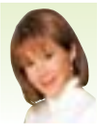
Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter
- 750 ml (3 cups) sliced portobello mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh parsley
- Precooked pizza crust (40 cm/16 inches in diameter)
- 250 ml (1 cup) rapini or broccoli florets, blanched
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) chopped red onion
- 250 g (8 oz) Swiss cheese, shredded
- Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste

Rose Reisman's Swap It



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Do you know of any charities that accept eye glasses? *Jessica,Vancouver*

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Donating your old glasses is an excellent idea. One recycling option is a non-profit called OneSight. Visit its website at OneSight.org/na to use its store locator and find a drop-off location. Sponsoring stores include LensCrafters and Pearle Vision. You could also inquire at your local optometrist.

For over two decades, OneSight has collected and distributed eyewear to those in need all over the world. Its charitable efforts have provided free vision care and eyewear to more than eight million people. And in some countries, a pair of eyewear costs more than a month's salary, so your old pair will mean a lot.

Lions Clubs International also collects millions of eyeglasses each year — one of its most popular activities. It costs less than a dollar to provide a pair of recycled eyeglasses, which can change someone's life.

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He's singing a tune of tenacity

Waleed Abdulhamid never let go of his aspirations and now he's teaching those around him to follow his lead

TURNING POINT

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Waleed Abdulhamid is an award-winning music artist, producer and film maker but it is his work as a mentor and teacher with the Young Centre for the Performing Arts that truly makes him special.

When he speaks to youth his message is simple.

"I'm an African immigrant. Don't wait for opportunity because you have to create it. You have to have the guts to not give up on your dream. Go for it."

Born in Sudan, Waleed left home at 18 to tour all the great cities of the world, performing and working with many top name artists.

But his turning point came in 1992 when he came to Canada and made Toronto his home.

"I love this city. We could be a great role model for the rest of the world because we are so diverse. We come from all colours, all cultures and that's what makes Toronto so unique."

Canada has been given a great gift in Waleed Abdulhamid because he is the "music man" of a new generation that speaks from the heart of cultural unity. He is a role model for us all.

High hopes

Do you have a dream? Waleed Abdulhamid suggests:

Skills for Change

- skillsforchange.org
- A non-profit agency committed to promoting workplace diversity

Young Centre for the Performing Arts

- youngcentre.ca
- A home for leading artists and arts organizations across all performance disciplines

JEAN-MARIE BARIKAGE

▶ Waleed Abdulhamid is committed to helping young people realize the many opportunities that lay before them.

Stress 101

More Canadian students under pressure are seeking counselling

Universities across the country will be keeping a watchful eye on their flocks, looking for signs of distress as the fall semester kicks off.

Many are training residence dons and even professors to spot struggling students, part of a broader effort that has seen universities roll out suicide awareness campaigns, wellness classes and stress-management workshops in recent years.

The push comes as campus clinics scramble to assist a growing number of students seeking help as they wrestle with depression, post-traumatic stress, eating disorders and other conditions.

And even with a list of seminars, clubs and centres to choose from, students say it can be hard to know where to turn for help.

Demand for mental health services "has grown exponentially" over the past decade, said Dr. Robert Franck, who heads the mental health clinic at McGill University in Montreal.

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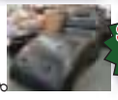

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4 sports

Sports in brief

The Wichita Wingnuts came into Winnipeg's downtown ballpark this weekend for a three-game series with the Goldeyes in the first-ever meeting between the two clubs.
After dropping the Friday and Saturday games 3-1 and 15-4, as well as never holding a lead on the Wingnuts coming into Sunday's matinee, the Goldeyes fought their way to a 4-2 win in front of 7,138 sundrenched spectators at Shaw Park.
Winnipeg reliever Aaron Hartsock (2-1, 2.11 ERA) earned the win, while closer Jamie Vermilyea, who continues to be lights-out for the Fish, captured his 12th save.

DARRIN BAUMING

Djokovic's reign continues

Top seed battles his way to victory at Rogers Cup ‘This year by far has been the best in my career’: Djokovic

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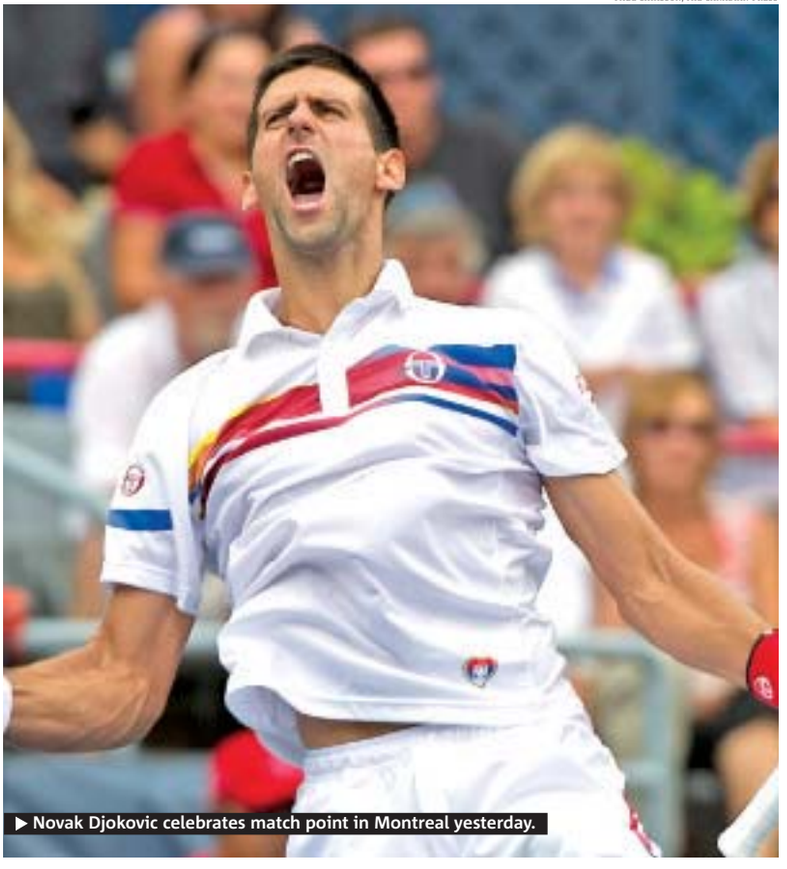

Novak Djokovic celebrates match point in Montreal yesterday.

The wins keep piling up for Novak Djokovic, who now has a second men's Rogers Cup title in his collection.

The world's top-ranked player posted a hard-fought 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 victory over sixth-seeded American Mardy Fish yesterday, a popular outcome before a mostly pro-Djokovic full house on centre court at Uniprix Stadium in Montreal.

It was Djokovic's ninth tournament victory of the year and a record fifth win in one season in an ATP Masters 1,000 event. The Wimbledon champion from Serbia improved his record this year to 53-1, including a perfect 29-0 on hard courts.

"I am human — I can definitely assure you of that," the 24-year-old said with a broad smile. "I guess it's just all about having a positive attitude on the court every day, waking up every day wanting to improve, wanting to win, being determined, being professional.

"It's that desire and motivation that keeps me going. Every match I play, I try to win, regardless which match is it or whoever is across the net."

On this day, he had an opponent nearly as hot as he was in Fish, who was in his third tournament final in a row.

Fish has now lost all seven career meetings with Djokovic, but he gave the top seed a battle with his awkward mix of baseline and attacking play.

"I'm sure that there is going to be, you know, bad days ... I just feel that now I'm playing the best tennis of my life."
NOVAK DJOKOVIC

It was 2-2 in the third set before Fish lost a weak service game that gave away the match. But the 29-year-old never quit, battling back from 0-40 in the final game and forcing Djokovic to complete the win on his fourth match point.

"I put myself in a lot of positions to have chances," said Fish. "I just didn't execute on the big points.

"There's a reason why (Djokovic) has won so many matches this year. He's got to be leading the tour in break points saved, I'm sure, among other things."

Djokovic, who won his first Rogers Cup title in 2007, picked up $450,000 US for the win. Fish earned $224,000 for his effort to become the second player this year to beat Djokovic after Roger Federer did in the French Open.

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Serena rises from the ashes

Serena Williams captured the Rogers Cup women's tennis title in Toronto yesterday to continue a remarkable comeback from injury and illness.

The 29-year-old American star dispatched No. 10-seed Samantha Stosur of Australia 6-4, 6-2 to win her first Rogers title since claiming the Canadian tournament crown in 2001.

The Rogers Cup was just Williams's fourth tournament since being sidelined for 49 weeks, first with a foot injury she suffered when she stepped on a piece of glass in a restaurant in Germany, and then with blood clots in her lungs.

Bombers off to hottest start in decades

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg's Buck Pierce passes against the B.C. Lions on Saturday night.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers shrugged off early adversity yet again Saturday and parlayed another big third quarter to the best record in the CFL.

They scored touchdowns on their first two possession of the second half en route to a 30-17 victory over the B.C. Lions that propelled them into first place in the East Division.

"It's just the makeup of our guys right now," quarterback Buck Pierce said after completing an efficient 18-of-24 pass attempts for 237 yards. "We preach that we have to start fast and it hurts us when we always start off behind.

"It's something about how we push through adversity. We understand the task at hand. We get out there and get the job done."

Winnipeg improved to 6-1 for the first time since 1984 and moved two points ahead of the Montreal Alouettes in the battle for first in the East.

The Bombers, who took control with 51 and 54-yard drives to start the second half, have a 63-point third quarter edge over their opponents in the first seven games of the season.

"We feed off each other," said Clarence Denmark whose 85 yards on punt returns helped provide short fields for Pierce.

"Once the energy starts flowing, we just play ball. We didn't change anything (at halftime). We just went out and played."

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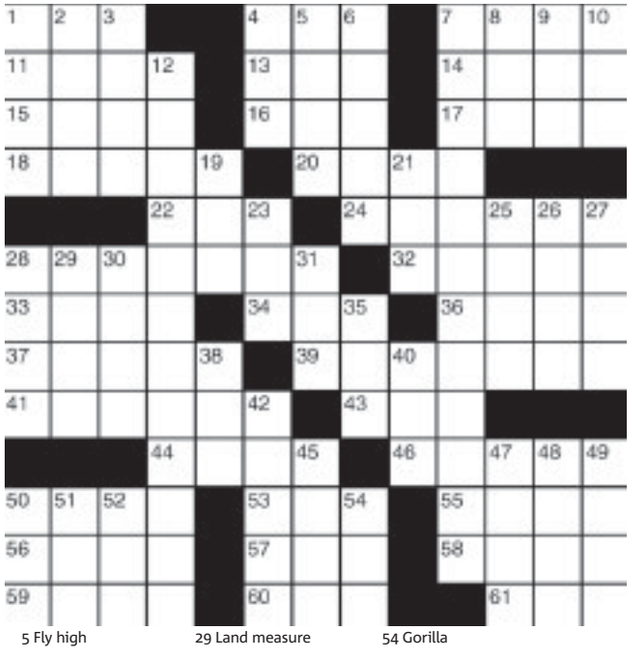

Across

1 Small pellets
4 Cigar residue
7 Soft-drink flavor
11 Secular
13 Sticky stuff
14 Mountain goat
15 Norway's capital
16 Erstwhile acorn
17 Buster Brown's dog
18 Grave robber
20 Red gemstone
22 Pinch
24 Round peg in a square hole
28 3/4 time dances
32 Coast
33 Bakery employee
34 — Mahal
36 Capri is one
37 Cafeteria carriers
39 Mends old jeans, maybe
41 Old Toyota model
43 Stir-fry pan
44 Cambodia neighbor
46 It makes dough rise
50 God, in Grenoble
53 "CSI" evidence
55 Ancient letter
56 Bedouin
57 Republicans
58 Ollie's pal
59 New York ball club
60 Female sheep
61 Choose

Down

1 Online journal
2 Wild party
3 Missile shelter
4 Past
5 Fly high
6 Nonsense
7 1991 movie for which Jack Palance earned an Oscar
8 Japanese sash
9 Lower limb
10 Hatchet
12 Golfers' meccas
19 Taylor or Claiborne
21 Huge
23 Favorite
25 Tuna or carp
26 Not busy
27 Ball holders
28 Skater Katarina
29 Land measure
30 Shakespearean king
31 Tree fluid
35 Mandible
38 Vast expanse
40 Plaything
42 Skiers' hotel
45 Winter forecast
47 Car
48 Break suddenly
49 Campsite shelter
50 Beaver's construction
51 Anger
52 Dine on
54 Gorilla

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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4	9	1	8	5	2	6	3	7
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Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Speak your mind today and if others don't like what you have to say that's too bad.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 This is not an easy time of year for you but, as always, you will rise to the challenges that come your way.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You will be at your imperious best as the new weeks begins.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't commit yourself to anything that cannot be changed at a moment's notice.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 No matter what problems or difficulties you may encounter over the next few days you will deal with them all with ease.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You will certainly make an impression today but will it be the right sort?

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Most people you deal with today will give you what you desire without having to be asked twice.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 A door that has been closed to you in the past is at last starting to open but for some reason you seem reluctant to pass through.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Stay calm and don't get carried away with your own success.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 If your attitude is right you'll do a wonderfully good job.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Is what you are doing with your life what you want to be doing a year from now?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Break out of the rut you are in and learn to enjoy living close to the edge. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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